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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence *gmp*

SUBJECT : DOD Study of Warning Capabilities
in Europe

1. At the suggestion of General Goodpaster, DoD has undertaken a study entitled "Past Requirements and Capabilities to Prepare for War in Europe and NATO's Capability to Detect Pact Preparations." General Goodpaster evidently is interested in acquiring more latitude for taking prompt measures to improve the readiness of NATO forces in reaction to perceived changes in the posture of Warsaw Pact forces during crises or tension periods. He would like to detach the military readiness process from the strategic warning process, which he sees as being too much tied to Soviet intentions as opposed to capabilities. The DOD study is expected to assist the Secretary of Defense in preparing for the NATO Defense Planning Committee Ministerial this December.

2. The DOD study has been assigned to the JCS Studies, Analysis, and Gaming Agency (SAGA). SAGA has drafted terms of reference which invite the CIA to collaborate in the study. We have met with the SAGA people and informed them that a strategic warning assessment is planned by the NIO, that OSR expects to make a major contribution to the NIO effort, and that we do not deem it appropriate for us to be collaborators in the DOD study. We did, however, offer help--first, in the form of a bibliography of pertinent finished intelligence documents and, second, an offer to consider discussing specific intelligence problems that they might encounter. This was acceptable to the SAGA people who agreed readily that they should not expect CIA to contribute directly to their study or to coordinate it. They simply hoped we would help them avoid serious mistakes.

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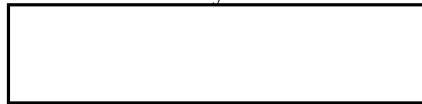
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3. It is not clear to us why SAGA has been asked to do what is clearly an intelligence assessment. The problem of lack of access to sensitive new intelligence information will obviously be a serious handicap. They will, presumably, get contributions from DIA, however. We have provided the promised bibliography and plan to limit our further participation to informal comments and, if requested, discussions of specific questions.



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